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Attorney Docket No.	102150-17 / Eisenfuhr 204 - WCG
First Inventor	Klaus Topfer
Title	Threading Device for Tubular Packagings
Express Mail Label	EV 328768238 US

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee			
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing			
1005 160	2005 .80	Provisional filing fee			
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	10 -20** = 0	X 18.00 = 0.00	
Independent Claims	1 - 3** = 0	X 86.00 = 0.00	
Multiple Dependent		0.00 = 0.00	

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1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3		
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid		
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		
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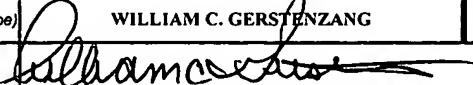
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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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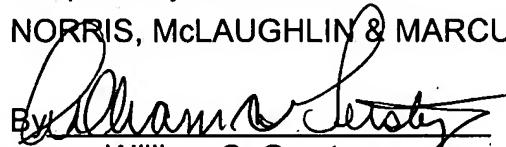
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Submitted herewith for entry and approval are four (4) sheets of formal drawings
(FIGS. 1. - 4) in the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,
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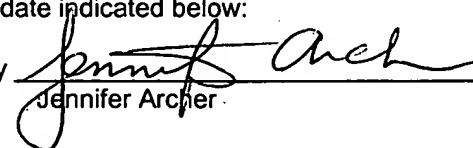
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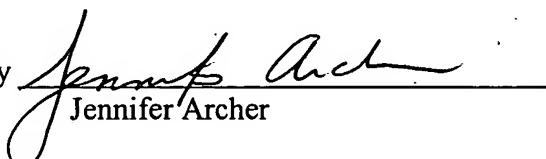
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